



MECKLENBURG COUNTY
Health Department

Health Alert

February 19, 2013

People who ate at Hooters on Bruton Smith Blvd. in Concord, N.C. on Feb. 7 or 8, 2013, between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. may have been exposed to hepatitis A. People who ate or drank at the Whiskey Warehouse, located at 1221 The Plaza in Charlotte on the following three dates: Feb. 6, 2013, between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; on Feb. 9, 2013, between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 3:30 a.m.; or on Feb. 13, between 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., may also have been exposed to hepatitis A.

An employee of both restaurants/bars has been confirmed with having viral hepatitis A. Those who have had a hepatitis A infection, or one hepatitis A vaccination, are protected from the virus and do not need to take action. The Mecklenburg County Health Department, the Public Health Authority of Cabarrus County (Cabarrus Health Alliance), and the North Carolina Division of Public Health are recommending hepatitis A vaccine or immune globulin (IG) for exposed employees and patrons, if the vaccine or IG can be given within 14 days of the last exposure. Our supply of vaccine and immune globulin arrived today and exposed patrons/employees may come to the Mecklenburg County Health Department for free vaccine or IG. Vaccine and IG is also available at the Cabarrus Health Alliance.

For residents of Mecklenburg County:

The Mecklenburg County Health Department at the **249 Billingsley Road** location in Charlotte **ONLY**, will offer the following clinic hours for walk-in service:

- **Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.**
- **Thursday, Feb. 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m.**
- **Friday, Feb. 22 from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.**
- **Monday Feb. 25 from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.**
- **Tuesday Feb. 26 from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, Feb. 27 from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.**

No appointment is necessary. The vaccine must be given within 14 days of exposure. Persons who may have been exposed, and have questions, can call **(704) 336-5398** or **(704) 336-6436**.

For residents of Cabarrus County:

The Public Health Authority of Cabarrus County/Cabarrus Health Alliance will offer the following clinic hours for walk-in service at **300 Mooresville Road, Concord**:

- **Wednesday, Feb. 20 from 3 to 7 p.m.**
- **Thursday, Feb. 21, from 3 to 7 p.m.**
- **Friday, Feb. 22, from 3 to 7 p.m.**

No appointment is necessary. The vaccine must be given within 14 days of exposure. Persons who may have been exposed, and have questions, can call **(704) 920-1213**.

You may receive phone calls from your patients about this incident. If any of your patients report eating/drinking at the above named restaurants during the dates and times listed in the first paragraph, they should take Hepatitis A vaccine (if age 1-40 years) or IG (if chronically ill or over 40 years) if they can receive the vaccine or IG within 14 days of the last exposure. We are recommending vaccine or immune globulin for all employees of both restaurants.

Report suspected or confirmed cases of acute hepatitis A to the Mecklenburg County Health Department **(704) 336-5398** or **(704) 336-6436** within 24 hours. Exposed patients should practice good hand washing since this virus is spread by the fecal-oral route and infection can be asymptomatic.